

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **SHOJI, Toshihiro**

Group Art Unit: 1774

Serial No.: 09/768,178



Examiner: **FERGUSON LAWRENCE D.**

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P.T.O. Confirmation No.: **9209**

For: **ULTRAVIOLET-CURABLE COMPOSITION AND OPTICAL RECORDING MEDIUM**

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

December 2, 2002

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **July 2, 2002**, extended to **December 2, 2002** by a 2 month Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please **CANCEL** claims 1-4.

Please **ADD** the following new claims:

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5. An ultraviolet-curable composition used for a protective film in an optical recording medium having a recording layer or data recording pits, a reflective film comprised of Ag or an alloy having Ag as its main component, and a protective film comprised of a cured film of an ultraviolet-curable composition, deposited in that order, on a substrate, wherein the pH value of a 1 wt% methanol solution of the composition is within the range of 4.5 to 6.8.